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## PIRATE MENACE.

### HONGKONG COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY.

#### MINORITY REPORT.

##### "Naval Patrols The Supreme Deterrent."

Extremely important recommendations are contained in the "Minority Report" of a Committee recently appointed to consider tightening-up the regulations governing the internal protection of ships plying in the Hongkong Piracy Danger Zone.

The Regulations provide for defence by means of guards, grilles, etc., seeking to convert the vulnerable parts of steamers into fortresses.

Strong objection has always been entertained to these measures by the Shipping Community—owners and ship's officers' alike—and they have had the vigorous support of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in advocating the extension of naval patrols by means of small armed craft as a far more effective means of protecting the enormous traffic—principally British—in the Canton Delta and China Coast within the piracy zone. Renewed representations to this effect have recently been made to Home Authorities by the Chamber, through the China Association.

On a ruling by the Hongkong Government that nothing beyond measures for the internal protection of ships could be discussed by the Committee referred to, the Minority, consisting of representatives appointed by the Chambers of Commerce and the Mercantile Marine, withdrew from the Committee and prepared their own report.

The Minority Report condemns the Regulations for the internal protection of ships on the grounds that they throw the responsibility for defence against pirates upon the Mercantile Marine, instead of upon the Navy to which it properly belongs. It is quite impracticable to convert into a defended citadel a small river steamer officered by two or three Europeans, manned by a Chinese crew and carrying large numbers of Chinese passengers from amongst whom it is customary for the pirates suddenly to declare themselves and take possession of the ship. To defend a ship in such circumstances is impossible, the most that can be attempted is the defence of the bridge and engine room for sufficient time to send out distress signals to naval patrols which should be in the vicinity.

Grilles conflict with Board of Trade Regulations and are a source of danger. They prevent access by passengers to the boats, making great loss of life unavoidable in the event of maritime casualty, thus throwing heavy responsibility upon the authorities responsible for their enforcement.

Indian guards, of whom some 900 are employed, at a cost of \$20,000 per annum, are condemned as undisciplined and inefficient and, being under the orders of the police, derogate from the authority of the Master of the ship. Police searching of passengers and baggage in Hongkong should be more strict. Extension of that work would be far preferable to provision of armed guards on the ships. The convoy system, latterly adopted, greatly handicaps well-found ships, while affording no protection for the extensive traffic of towed-junks between Hongkong and Canton.

The report looks to the early provision of wireless on all passenger vessels in the danger zone, allowing a reasonable time to install apparatus and train operators for whom a School has now been in operation in Hongkong for the last twelve months. Reform in the method of engaging Chinese crews is also advocated.

Navy patrols are regarded as the supreme deterrent of piracy. "Once pirates know that, although they may be able to overcome resistance in the ship itself they will not be able to get away, piracy will cease." Protection of British commerce is essentially a duty of H.M. Navy. Accompanying the report is a lengthy statement by the Senior Naval Officer, West River Patrols which, the signatories urge, shows that H.M. Naval forces stationed in waters adjacent to Hongkong are inadequate for the many and varied duties which devolve upon them. River and coastal patrols should be extended, and if the Navy estimates do not permit, the Hong-

## WAR ENDS?

### FOREIGN VIEW MOST HOPEFUL.

#### CHI HSIEH YUAN SAILS.

##### NO MORE FIGHTING AROUND SHANGHAI.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, January 29.

Lu Yung-hsiang captured Soochow last night and is advancing on Quinsay today.

That Chi Hsieh-yuan's departure for Japan has practically ended hostilities is evidenced by the fact that an armoured train, containing 5000 Lu Yung-hsiang's white Russian troops, and three Manchurians arrived at Shanghai from Wusih that evening without resistance. They formally took possession of Shanghai North Station. Indeed, they disarmed in route a number of Chi's ex-troops who are believed to be straggling towards Shanghai.

The foreign view of the situation is almost hopeful and only the merest precautions were taken. It is believed that Lu Yung-hsiang will send a larger force to Shanghai to-night to take possession.

Hongkong being a British Colony, said Dr. Lim, could with-

## HEALTH TABLOIDS.

### SURVEY OF MEDICAL CONFERENCE.

#### VITAL POINTS FEATURED.

##### Position Of Hongkong As A Port.

The lectures at the Medical Conference at the University, which came to a conclusion yesterday, were not so technical as had been anticipated, and a brief survey should be of use in establishing more firmly in the public mind the points of particular local import!

The most important to Hong-

kong as a port were those made by Dr. Lim, a Hongkong University graduate, who has been doing good work in Shanghai, on the subject of the proposed League of Nations grading of Far Eastern ports.

In this connection the "China Mail" understands that Dr. J. B. Addison, Principal Civil Medical Officer of Hongkong, has already left the Colony to represent it at the conference to be held at Singapore to consider ways and means of setting up an Epidemic Bureau for the Far East which will collect news of what is happening in ports with regard to the prevalence of disease, and pass it on.

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course of lectures given here and the discussion which followed, emphasised the importance of early diagnosis and treatment, pointing out that in Calcutta they had found that of their slighter cases 100 per cent. lost all active signs of the disease when efficiently treated and when the treatment persisted in for a long enough period.

Perhaps the most startling claim put forward by any medical man in the course of the conference was that of Dr. Lim Boon-keng in regard to the cure of tuberculosis. He held that success had attended treatment consisting of meat juice of carnivorous animals and a little of the Cow's system of healing by faith. He added that the blood juice of dogs had in his experience proved most effective.

Of vital importance to those who are studying the problem of satisfactory agriculture in China were the statements made by Dr. Frank Old, of the Canton Hospital, who has been making tests along lines which should enable him to put proper knowledge at the disposal of the farmers to protect their health more thoroughly and produce food for public consumption in a more wholesome manner.

The above are the lines on which the main discussion of the Conference turned, but no review would be complete without a reference to an outcome both inevitable and desirable, as a result of the meeting between different medical factions, i.e., a spirit of closer co-operation between all who are working in the interests of medical science in China.

The Conference closed yesterday with resolutions recording thanks for hospitality extended and assistance rendered. The Executive Committee were empowered to decide whether next year's Conference should be at Shanghai, Peking, or Chenan-fu.

#### "STAR" FERRIES.

##### WHAT THE DIRECTORS' REPORT REVEALS.

#### DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

The report of the Directors of the "Star" Ferry Company, Ltd., to be submitted at the 27th ordinary annual meeting to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon on Monday, February 2, states:—

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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## COTTON TRADE.

out as the cause of this quieter  
tone. Soviet currency is slightly  
dearer again, and some descriptions  
of transactions actually marked up.

Yarns.—There has been no out-  
standing feature in business

during the past fortnight. The  
general attitude may be described

as "Wait and see." Spinners are

still well supplied with orders,  
and weavers are fairly well

covered for cloth orders in hand.

Good quality warps meet with  
some enquiry, but medium counts

of weft lines and finer counts of  
tow are slow of sale, even at un-

remunerative prices.

The tendency of foreign spin-  
nings is to slightly higher prices.

Weavers.—Rather more interest  
has been shown lately, and manu-  
facturers have been busy quoting

prices, quite a number of scattered  
orders have been secured.

There is more or less of a holi-  
day feeling about, and whilst  
manufacturers would welcome  
more business, a general move-  
ment is not expected until the  
turn of the year.

Merchants.—There is no  
change to report. Not much new  
business need be expected until  
next month. Most houses are  
busy getting out season's ship-  
ments before closing down for  
the holidays.

Dress Linens.—During the  
past fortnight some fairly sub-  
stantial orders have been placed  
for coloured dress linen for  
January/February delivery. Re-  
peat orders for quantity, however,  
are not expected until after the  
New Year.

Shipments are going forward  
steadily, and every effort is being  
made to keep up delivery dates  
specified by customers abroad.

## FRESH TRADE AVENUES.

The Estonian and Latvian sec-  
tions of the London Chamber of  
Commerce were concerned in a  
very interesting meeting at the  
Cannon Street headquarters re-  
cently when Sir Philip Dawson,  
M.P., and Mr. P. G. Hannan, M.P.,  
gave their impressions on trade  
prospects with Latvia and Estonia.

Mr. Hannan stated that it is the  
intention of the Government to  
extend fresh credits to each of these States, and  
dwell at length on the fact that  
since 1918 Latvia and Estonia  
have managed to reconstruct  
themselves, stabilise their respective  
currencies, and balance their  
Budgets successfully.

Sir Philip Dawson confined his  
remarks chiefly to the natural  
resources of Estonia and pointed out  
the great possibilities of its  
oil-shale deposits, and also the  
prospects for hydro-electrical  
enterprise in that State. Sir  
Philip thinks that firms in Britain  
should take advantage of the fact  
that both Latvia and Estonia  
show anxiety to co-operate with  
Britain in developing their  
natural resources in preference to  
co-operation with German and  
Russian concerns.

## TO INCREASE TRADE.

The Committee of Experts to  
the Shipping, Engineering, and  
Machinery Exhibition, to be held  
at Olympia in November and  
December this year, met last week  
to consider the report of the  
general manager, Mr. F. W.  
Bridges, on his return from his  
visits to South Africa, Canada,  
and the United States. From the  
point of view of possible increased  
trade, the conditions in South  
Africa are distinctly promising.  
Canada leans very strongly to-  
wards the purchase of British  
goods, though distance and terms  
of delivery handicap British manu-  
facturers in face of American  
competition.

As regards the States, Mr.  
Bridges made very gratifying re-  
marks with regard to the assist-  
ance received from the British  
Consulate during his propaganda  
campaign, the results of which are  
represented by the proposed  
American section to be included  
in the show.

The resolution to make the  
exhibition an international one  
will enable German firms to be  
included, and this attitude is of  
considerable importance, since  
Germany has definitely refused to  
participate in next year's corre-  
sponding show in Paris. One-third  
of the total space has already been  
allocated.

On the Continent there is no  
change to report. More flax is  
being offered, and all has been  
bought up. Value remains the  
same except for better grades  
which is against buyers.

Russian Flax.—Latvian flax,  
owing to a more favourable ex-  
change, has been sold at about \$2  
below last ruling rates. Any  
buying here, however, is of very  
moderate dimensions. Estonian  
flax can also be done at a few  
pounds less, but the political  
trouble in that country is given

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AMAZONAS MARU ... Saturday, 1st Feb.

ALPS MARU ... Friday, 6th Mar.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, BUENOS AIRES-Via Suez, Singapore, Colombo, Durban &amp; Capetown.

CANADA MARU ... Friday, 30th Jan.

PANAMA MARU ... Friday, 12th Feb.

BOMBAY-Via Singapore and Colombo

REKA MARU ... Saturday, 31st Jan.

TACOMA MARU ... Tuesday, 3rd Feb.

RYUOH MARU ... Monday, 9th Feb.

SAIGON-Bangkok-Singapore-Via Suez and Colombo

TAIKO ... Sunday, 1st Feb.

INDO MARU ... Thursday, 25th Feb.

HAMBURG MARU ... Thursday, 26th Mar.

VICTORIA SHIP &amp; CO. &amp; VICTORIA-Via Shanghai and Japan

ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Saturday, 14th Feb.

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JAPAN PORTS

SUMATRA MARU ... Saturday, 14th Feb.

HAMBURG MARU ... Monday, 23rd Feb.

CHELUNG &amp; SWATOW &amp; AMOY

AMAKURA MARU ... Sunday, 1st Feb. at 11 a.m.

KAIO MARU ... Sunday, 8th Feb. at 11 a.m.

TAIKO (via SWATOW &amp; AMOY)

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Feb. 1.-O. S. K. Sochi Maru.  
Feb. 1.-O. S. K. Katsuo.  
1.-O. N. Amakura Maru.  
1.-O. N. Yuzan.  
1.-O. C. S. N. Hainan.  
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2.-O. N. S. K. Sichuan.  
3.-O. C. N. Kingyuan.  
3.-D. L. Hainan.  
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5.-O. C. N. Yinchow.  
6.-O. C. S. N. West Ivan.  
19.-O. S. K. AMOY.Jan. 30.-D. L. Sochi Maru.  
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Feb. 1.-O. S. K. Amakura Maru.  
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Feb. 1.-O. S. K. Yinchow.  
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Feb. 1.-O. S. K. SWATOW.BOMBAY AND COLOMBO VIA  
SPOKE & PEKING.Jan. 30.-N.Y.K. Morioha Maru.  
Feb. 1.-O. S. K. Shika Maru.  
Feb. 1.-O. S. K. Ame on Maru.  
3.-O. S. K. Tacobon Maru.  
5.-B. P. L. Legazpi.  
6.-N.Y.K. Ceylon Maru.  
8.-P. S. O. Dongola.  
9.-P. S. O. Morea.  
10.-P. S. O. Ryukyu Maru.  
10.-P. S. O. Sardina.  
15.-P. S. O. Alpa Maru.  
15.-P. S. O. Soisan.  
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15.-P. S. O. Tandu.  
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Feb. 9.-O. S. N. Binwang.  
Feb. 14.-O. S. N. SYDNEY & MELBOURNE VIA  
MLA & SANDAKAN.Feb. 4.-E. & A. St. Albans.  
15.-N.Y.K. Moshima Maru.  
15.-N.Y.K. Tanda.  
15.-N.Y.K. Taiyuan Maru.  
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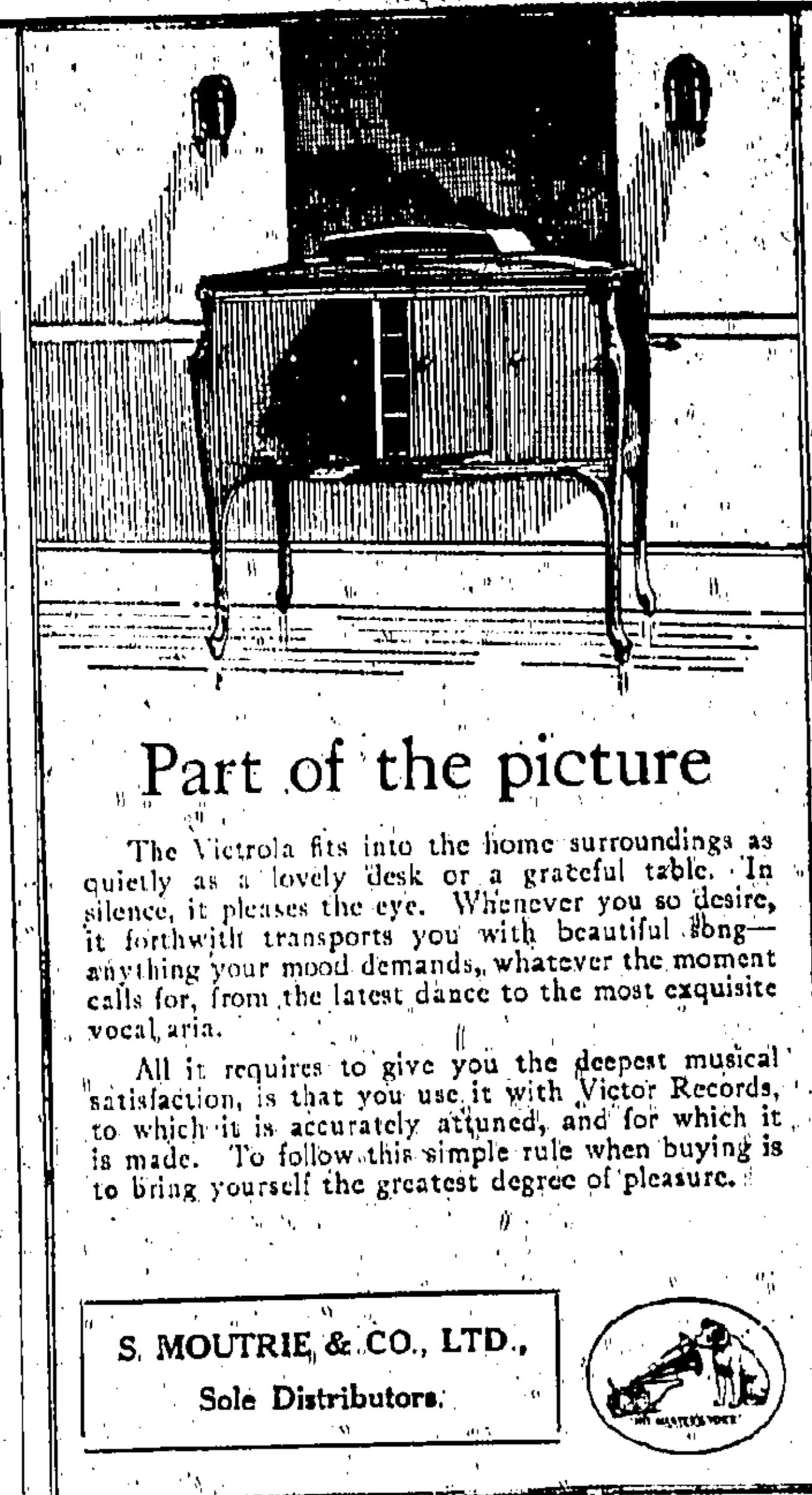
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### PIRATE MENACE.

Undoubtedly one of the most important documents that has been published in connection with the piracy evil is the minority report submitted to the Government by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China. The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has consistently urged that strong deterrents of a retributive character would be far more effective than endeavours to make vessels "pirate proof." With this view every thoughtful person must entirely agree. Once capture has been made almost certain, pirates must respect the richest prize, however inadequate the other precautions, for the issue would, then as we have said before, resolve itself into the question "What use is it to a pirate if he seize a ship, but lose his escape?" Many people would certainly feel safer on a ship without grilles, steam hoses and other precautions but supplied with sure means of bringing speedy assistance, rather than on a ship whose most elaborate and intricate precautions had only to be once overcome for complete success of coup and escape alike to become assured. These people find strong arguments in the evidence given before the "Sui An" Commission

should have done better after the first race, but in both the other races Hongkong had scored more points each time. A better course could not have been given them. These are sentiments on the part of the losers that will be appreciated by all sportsmen in the Colony. Hongkong will be able to visit Shanghai next time with the assurance that this week's series of matches has left not the slightest wrinkle and that all that has mattered has been sport and sport alone. Which is as it should be!

Taking advantage of a Chinese girl walking alone near Chittagong village in the neighbourhood of her residence at Kowloon Tong, three men seized her and enriched themselves with jewellery valued at \$20. There has been a recrudescence of robber activities, many cases coming under the attention of the Police yesterday. In one instance it would be thief was smartly arrested by a detective and is now awaiting trial.

### BROKERAGE CLAIM.

### SEQUEL TO A DEAL IN COAL.

A dispute between a broker and a merchant firm was brought for settlement before Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning when Poon Hang-chee claimed \$180 from A. and P. Leong Hing Lee & Co.

The difference of opinion was as to the basis on which the broker was to be paid commission for a deal in 45 tons of coal. Plaintiff said that he had been promised four per cent. and the defendants said that the verbal agreement was for the usual one of one per cent. Judgment was reserved.

### TENANTS BEWARE.

### WHY RENT SHOULD BE PAID PROMPTLY.

### SUMMARY COURT CASES.

The obligation imposed on the tenant by the Rents Ordinance for the protection it affords him was the subject of discourse by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, in the Summary Court this morning when he upheld the claim for possession of premises at Praya East.

It would seem that the Ordinance, in conferring on the tenant the valuable right of continued occupation for as long as it suits him to remain, has laid down certain conditions which he is bound to observe," said Mr. Justice Gompertz. "One of them is punctual payment of rent, on default of which the landlord's common law rights revive and he can get possession in invitum."

The controversy had been over the words in the Ordinance stipulating under what conditions a landlord could get possession—"if the tenant shall have failed to pay duly the standard rent." His Lordship held that "duly" could be held to cover "promptly" and finding that for over a year rent had never been paid punctually in this case, he allowed the landlord to possession.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the plaintiff and Mr. M. Watson for the defendant.

### Landlord's Note.

A notice sent to tenants by the solicitors of landlords of 61 Stanley Street was held to be bad in the Summary Court this morning by Mr. Justice Gompertz.

He was bound to give this decision. His Honour stated, because of the weight of authority which held that any notice was bad which was conditional on the recipient doing or abstaining from doing some act before the notice expired.

In this case the solicitors' letter stated that if the amount of rent owing for the ninth month was not paid, possession would have to be given up at the end of the tenth. The claim for possession therefore was not allowed.

### Ginger Factory to move.

The Choy Fong Ginger factory will have to move from the premises now occupied in Sai On Lane through a judgment given in the Summary Court this morning by Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz.

The points at issue had been whether the landlords' notice to quit had been waived by the acceptance of rent and whether an order for possession could be made at the moment without the service of a further notice to quit. His Honour found against the factory on the first point on the ground that they were resisting a demand for possession by relying on a statutory tenancy created by the Ordinance, and were bound to tender the rent as the landlord was bound to accept it. On the second point, he held that a further notice was not necessary, as it was a common law tenancy already determined.

The resident population of the Channel Islands decreased by about 12 per cent. between 1911 and 1921, compared with an increase of 5 per cent. in England and Wales. This fact was revealed by the 1921 census returns for the Islands, which were issued on Saturday. The total population in 1921 was 90,230, Jersey having the largest with 49,701, followed by Guernsey with 38,283.

### WHOOPING COUGH.

Whooping cough is hard on the child and hard on the parents. Common remedies, such as "Cough Remedy," "Cough Syrup," "Cough Tonic," "Cough Lozenges," and "Cough Syrup," are all good and recommended everywhere.

### ARMED ROBBERS.

### PLEthora of FRESH OUTRAGES.

### IMPORTANT ARREST.

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In another case in which a young Chinese girl was being molested by a man at Shaukiwan last evening, the girl raised a cry and the assailant took to his heels. He had, however, not made allowance for encountering a detective, who captured him after driving his quarry into a timber yard. The man is said to be a painter. A search by the detective led to the discovery of a knife in the possession of the arrested man.

At Yau Ma Tei yesterday afternoon, two men adopted different tactics when they attempted a robbery at the Tai On building contractor firm in Temple Street. The accountant of this firm was decoyed to the third floor on pretence that the men wanted to rent part of the building, and he had pepper thrown into his eyes. The accountant offered a stubborn resistance, and struggled with the men until the three rolled down the staircase. The robbers picked themselves up quickly and fled. A European, who was attracted to the spot by the accountant's cries, gave chase but failed to catch the fugitives.

Another successful attempt by six armed men was made at No. 13, Sai Hong, Chuenchow. With blackened faces and backed up by knives, a woman and her daughter were subdued, and the robbers left in an unknown direction after securing property valued at \$20.

### COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The story of the chase of an armed man at Yau Ma Tei on the night of January 20 was related at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday by Inspector Murphy when the man was charged with unlawful possession of a revolver and three rounds of ammunition, and committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

The accused fled from a Wei-hai-wei policeman who approached him at Canton Road for a search, and the man was captured after a long chase, in the course of which he dropped his revolver. A coil of wire was found on him after he was taken to the station.

### HOME DEFENCE.

### UNIONS OPPOSE PROPOSED RESERVE.

### INQUIRY TO BE MADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 29. The General Council of the Trade Union Congress, after considering letters from the Railway and Transport Unions as regards the War Office circular, decided to appoint a special committee to investigate the circumstances.

The Council endorsed the attitude of the Unions as regards the circular and passed a resolution appealing to the members of all trade unions to refuse to accept service in the proposed reserve force pending publication of the Council's report.

[Twenty thousand railwaymen were represented at a meeting at Chester a fortnight ago, when a resolution was passed demanding that the railway companies withdraw, within twenty-four hours, the undertaking to raise technical units for a regular army of supplementary reserve, which, according to the secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, would be liable to be called out to aid civil power, thus endangering the railwaymen in an industrial dispute with the Railway Companies Association. The order to establish a reserve army of technical craftsman was issued by the Labour Government, and signed by the late Member of the Cabinet, Mr. Walsh.]

With reference to the complaint as to excessive speed in the Solent of the Cunard liner "Mauretania" the Cowes Harbour Commissioners have reported that they were in communication with the Board of Trade with the prospect of a satisfactory settlement. The "Mauretania" had been in and out of the Solent without any further complaint and it appeared that some notice had been taken of the Commissioners' action.

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### EX-SERVANT A ROGUE.

### CONVICTED OF STEALING FROM LATE MASTER.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese named Chung Yau was charged with the theft of various articles the property of the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, who was present in Court.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P.), who prosecuted, said that the accused had been a servant in the employment of the complainant, and was recently discharged owing to unsatisfactory work. After he was discharged he returned to the house at a time when he knew the family were out, picked out a quantity of goods, and made off.

On information supplied to the Police, the accused was arrested, and a part of the stolen property (two coats and a watch) was recovered from pawnshops. Some of the articles had been sent by the accused to the country, and amongst the missing goods was a valuable Lincoln and Bennett hat.

The two coats, which had been pawned for \$8, were worth from forty to fifty dollars each, and considering this fact Mr. Wolfe said that the pawnbrokers possibly knew the goods to have been stolen, but this was dropped as the accused had been apparently well dressed and aroused no suspicion.

The accused was therefore willing to bear the cost of redeeming the pawned articles. The accused was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

### TELL-TALE PHOTO.

### STALL-HOLDER HAS TO MAKE GOOD.

A Chinese stall holder whose photograph appeared on the licence and was also hanging up in the stall was held by Mr. C. Russ in the Summary Court this morning to be a partner in the firm which owned it.

The man (Lee Shun) denied this, and held that he was only the licensee.

Mr. Russ represented the Leung Kan Kee firm, which had supplied goods to the stall, and claimed \$30 on this account.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the stallholder.

The manager of the plaintiff firm in evidence stated that the defendant had transacted business with them, and had used the firm's chop.

His Lordship found that the defendant was liable for the goods and entered judgment for the plaintiff accordingly.

### NEARING THE CENTURY.

### HARBOUR UNUSUALLY FULL OF SHIPS.

Owing to cargo coolies and junks resting for the China New Year season, Hongkong steamers have to remain in port longer than usual and this morning there were no fewer than 96 ocean-going vessels in port, this number not including river steamers.

Yesterday 15 left but the same number arrived to maintain the total of 96 for yesterday morning. The day before the number was 102, which is seldom reached in normal times, although there was once as many as 105 in port.

During the big shipping strike about three years ago, there were about 100 in port, on an average, 150 ocean-going vessels.

### SAGHALIEN OIL.

### JAPAN'S NEED IN TIME OF PEACE.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Tokio, January 28.

It is expected that the output of oil from Saghalien will be sufficient to fill half the Navy's annual peace time requirements, according to Admiral Takarabe, answering questions in the Diet.

Admiral Takarabe added that for the supply of further needs, inter alia, shale oil exploitation in Manchuria would be expedited, for which it is understood that South Manchuria Railway has imported part of the required machinery from Scotland.

The other evening, says the "Daily Graphic," Lady Glenway was walking along the Embankment looking for a taxi after a dance at the Cecil, when she was stopped by a hungry, ragged man. "How can you walk about with thousands of pounds round your neck while men and women like me can't buy a meal?" he said. "These

## PIRACY EVIL.

## GOVERNMENT MEASURES REVIEWED.

## SEARCHING CRITICISM.

## How the Shipping Surplus Can Be Used.

"Once pirates know that although they may be able to overcome resistance in the ship itself they will not be able to get away, piracy will cease."

This is the vital point brought out in the piracy minority report issued over the names of Mr. N. S. Brown, representing the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. T. N. Chau, representing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. T. T. Laurenson, representing the Combined China Coast Officers' and Engineers' Guilds.

The text of the report is as follows:—

In September 1924 the Hon. the Colonial Secretary wrote to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Combined China Coast Officers' Guilds, stating that "certain further proposals" with regard to the prevention of piracy were at present under consideration, and asking each of such bodies to nominate a representative to serve on a Committee with certain Government officials to consider the proposals put forward and to make recommendations thereon to the Government.

The three bodies so named, nominated Neilage Sharp Brown, Chau Tsun-ain and Tom Turnbull Laurenson respectively the signatories hereto as their nominees. The first meeting of the Committee was held on Friday, December 5, 1924, at which the Assistant Harbour Master, Commander Conway-Iske, R.N., presided. It was explained by the Chairman at the outset that the "certain further proposals" which the Committee was appointed to consider were principally proposals for the amendment of the Piracy Prevention Regulations, and that the Committee were not to be allowed to discuss the general question of piracy prevention apart from the regulations. In these circumstances the signatories knowing the general opinion of those whom they represented, fell themselves compelled to refer the matter back to them before proceeding further with the discussion. The bodies referred to were of the opinion that the existing regulations were most unsatisfactory and that no revision of them would be effectual for the purpose of the suppression of piracy and that unless the whole subject was considered, all avenues explored, no good purpose could be served by the signatories containing on the Committee and that if wider discussion which such bodies contemplated was not to be allowed, it would be better if their representatives should withdraw from the Committee and go thoroughly into the matter themselves and submit a minority report. At the adjourned meeting of the Committee the Chairman again made it clear that the wider consideration was outside the scope of the Committee and the signatories hereto accordingly withdrew.

Although both the Shipowners and the Personnel on the ships from the outset have realized the many defects of the existing Ordinance they have unquestionably given the system more than a fair trial. They cannot, however, continue to willingly subscribe to a system which from experience they are convinced is wrong.

## DUTY OF THE NAVY.

It is strongly urged that it is the province of the Navy to protect commerce, particularly British commerce, against the depredations of pirates. Under the Regulations the responsibility for the defence of the local Merchant Marine is thrown upon the owners and the officers of each vessel. The idea of a merchant ship of the class plying in the Canton Delta or on the coast having "a citadel" fortified garrisoned and defended (vide Report of "Sui An" Piracy Commission) is an impracticable as it is absurd. It is accepted as axiomatic that it is the duty of the master and his officers to defend their ship but it is submitted that adequate protection from piratical attacks from within the ship is utterly impracticable in the case of vessels employed on the trades in question. Vessels constructed for commercial purposes to carry passengers and cargo from one port to another cannot be converted into fortresses. It is common ground that the element of surprise is always inevitably present in the case of such attacks. The

most that can be hoped for or attempted is the defence of the bridge and engine room for a sufficient time to enable the officers to send out distress

In some steamers which come within the purview of the Regulations there are something like 80 locks to unfasten before all the grilles can be opened. No means of releasing bolts simultaneously is feasible in ships of the class concerned. Furthermore owing to the grilles the crews of these vessels would have the greatest difficulty in getting to the boats themselves. In the event of an outbreak of fire or a collision and a serious loss of life occurring owing to passengers being penned below, who would be held responsible, the Hongkong Government who framed the Regulations, or the Owners and their Officers who were compelled to carry them out?

## NO FAITH IN GUARDS.

There are approximately 900 Indian Guards employed at cost to the shipping companies of some \$270,000 per annum.

Neither owners whose property is at stake, nor officers whose lives are at stake have the slightest confidence in them. Their training is inadequate and their discipline is bad and their bad discipline affects the discipline of the other members of the crew. These guards although nominally on the ship's articles are paid through the police and consider themselves as police and resent receiving orders from the ship's officers. In an appendix hereto a number of cases is quoted, showing the bad discipline and inefficiency of the guards. This list of cases is by no means exhaustive but merely illustrative of the matter raised in this paragraph.

It is the opinion of both the owners and the officers (as it is the generally accepted view all the world over) that the Master of a vessel should have complete control over all members of his crew at all times when the vessel is at sea; and it is felt strongly that the police element should be entirely eliminated and that any Regulations or assistance received by a ship in the British Merchant Marine should come from the Navy and in certain matters from the Harbour Department and not from the Police. Whilst in port the Indian Guards consider themselves as being off-duty and they take no part in searching the people who come on board whilst the vessel is in port. It is the unanimous opinion of ship owners and officers that the guards could and should be dispensed with from the ships.

## POLICE SEARCHES INADEQUATE.

The searching and examination of passengers embarking on vessels about to leave the Colony is a proper function of the police. The police searches, however, are inadequate. The number of cases of ships which have been pirated by passengers who embarked with their arms is well known. Coastal and river steamers are frequently in Hongkong

for twelve hours at a time and during the whole of this time cargo and baggage is being discharged and loaded. The ship's officers cannot possibly be expected to search the people who are constantly coming and going yet the police only come on duty on the various wharves some two to three hours before the ship is due to sail. It is submitted that an adequate number of police should be on duty on the wharves the whole time, also that the Water Police should be strengthened and provided with additional suitable harbour craft to be used in supervising and examining passengers embarking on vessels in the stream. At present police supervision and examination of such passengers is hopelessly inadequate. This doubtless will entail a considerable increase in the strength of the police force and consequently increased expense. It is submitted, however, that it is as much the duty of the Government to protect life and property on board ship by taking precautionary measures whilst ships are in port as it is to protect life and property ashore.

The protection of British vessels from piracy in the adjacent waters is essentially a duty of His Majesty's Navy. An efficient service of patrols would not merely protect commerce from attacks from without but would also act as absolute deterrent to attacks from within.

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## CLASH WITH PIRATES.

## THRILLING TALE OF ADVENTURE.

## PARTICIPATOR'S VERSION.

## Bloodthirsty Fight at Pakkai.

Pakkai's small foreign community were startled out of their beds on China New Year eve (last Friday night) by a determined pirate attack on that port, just below Kongmoon.

The "China Mail" Kongmoon correspondent is a Pakkai resident. He was in the thick of the fight and his experiences provide a thrilling reading. Under date of January 24 (China New Year's Day—Saturday) his message only arrived this morning—he writes:—

"As a result of this raid, a man was taken away for ransom; a woman from the same house was brutally wounded in the head by a pistol butt; a five-year-old child was kidnapped; a young man employed by the Pakkai mission was also forced away but made a daring escape; a boy was wounded by a shot in the abdomen; and a pirate burst open my garden gate, but he was shot by his comrades.

"The pirates then began to smash the windows of the houses. My family had taken refuge on the roof, and I posted myself with a pistol near a window, taking pot shots at the flitting shadows. One pirate burst open my garden gate, but he was shot by his comrades.

"Awakened last night by the noise of fire crackers I heard sounds resembling pistol shots. On going out to my verandah I noticed three or four men dressed in black, each flashing a torch-light and scaling a ladder placed against a house close by.

"A boy living just opposite to me opened his door to ask what the men wanted and was immediately hit by a bullet which lodged in his abdomen. Subsequently, I attempted to render first aid, but he died in hospital.

"The gang were out to capture the son of the owner of the house. They knew he was living in the second house and accordingly took a victim from the second house of each block to make sure of getting their prize. In the thick mist the missionary employee escaped under heavy fire.

"Mr. Hilliard, Commissioner of Customs, came to our assistance with his staff. The shots fired with the Customs compound certainly caused the pirates to take a picnic. Should the Chinese soldiers require assistance in their projected attack on the outlaws' stronghold Mr. Hilliard will ask for the co-operation of H.M. gun-boats if necessary."

Continuous discharge, papers and also 24 hours articles—both these reforms are considered desirable and it is recommended that a special committee should be formed to go fully into the matter with the Harbour Master.

## PATROLS THE VITAL NEED.

Speaking generally defence from within can never of itself be ultimately successful. The utmost that can be hoped for is the defence of the bridge and engine room until signals of distress can be communicated to a patrolling vessel in the neighbourhood and it is submitted that with adequate patrols all that is necessary in merchant vessels is protection of the bridge and engine room and the arming of officers.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A special late train has been arranged to take Peak residents home after the Madeline Rositer show. It leaves the lower terminus ten minutes after the performance ends.

A Chinese, with a previous conviction, was sentenced to six months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for breaking into No. 926, Canton Road, in the early hours of Sunday last. It came out in evidence that the man was seized inside the shop by an inmate at three o'clock in the morning.

In his lecture before the Hong-kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society last evening, Mr. M. Manuk dealt with the laws of sympathetic and compassion from a psychological standpoint. He traced, in a lucid manner, how these characteristics operated in man and also how they were expressed in relation to different strata of life.

A return of the number of cases of notifiable diseases in the Colony during the week ended January 24, shows one British case of scarlet fever, one British case of enteric fever, two Chinese cases of small-pox, two Chinese cases of diphtheria, six Chinese cases of enteric fever, and two Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever. The return for the 24 hours ended on Tuesday shows one case of enteric fever (British), one of small-pox, and one of cerebro-spinal fever, the last two Chinese.

Not only has boxing in Singapore suffered, but in Selangor also the sport appears to have gone the same way. Boxing there is as good as dead, it has been stated, says a Singapore paper, and it is believed, that the Selangor Boxing Association has to some extent contributed towards the demise. The reasons for the lapse of the sport are probably not in any great way connected with the lack of control, bad decisions, or such things, to which many have attributed the trouble. The main cause is that those who were eager to crowd the boxing arenas when Pelky and Jamito and other "stars" were to be seen for the first time, have been given too much of it.

It has often been a subject of discussion whether the average coolie's head is made of wood or filled with cotton wool or whether it merely has "nothing in it." A casualty taken a few days ago to that refuge for the distressed—the Shantung Road Hospital—by the police, unfortunately does not settle the point, says the "N. C. Daily News." Some friends either in a frolicsome mood or from feelings of revenge drove a 2½-inch wire nail right down into the middle of the top of the man's head. After being X-rayed the Chinese house surgeon succeeded in extracting it, and at time of writing the man is going on well. As we are told, the X-ray film showed only the 2½ inches of nail within the cranium, it seems as though those who hold the "nothing in it" hypothesis have scored a point. It would be well if the Traffic Department and others who have to deal with this class of men take note.

Two foreigners, Leon Rabinop sky and Henry Pearlman, were charged at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on Thursday with trafficking in arms. They were sentenced to one year and expulsion.

The question of the sites for the new American Embassy and Consulate, Tokio, has been settled as the Tokio people desired. A Washington telegram states that the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has again approved the Bill for the \$1,150,000 appropriation in its original form. The Committee's objections to having the Embassy and Consulate on separate sites have been overcome.

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Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, one

of the foremost educational leaders in America, will visit Japan in the early spring. He is now in the Philippines as a member of a commission surveying the insular school system. Dr. Duggan is a director of the Council of Foreign Relations in the United States, besides being connected with many other public organizations and institutions. He is the author of several books including "The Eastern Questions," "A Study in Diplomacy," "The History of Education," and "The League of Nations."

A Tokio cablegram to the "Daily Bulletin" states that weather permitting, Major Zanni will fly to Osaka to-morrow, where he will store his machine until his flight across the Pacific is resumed, probably in May.

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Three leasehold properties at Hunghom, known as No. 6, Baker Street, No. 3, New Western Market, and No. 5, Winslow Street, were sold by auction yesterday. The properties cover an area of 3,283 square feet, or thereabouts, and are held for the term of 75 years from January 1, 1901, with a right of renewal. The Crown rent is \$26.40 per annum. The properties were knocked down to Mr. Ng Sui-kam, 235, Hollywood Road, for \$8,000.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Henshaw, who recently went into Singapore Hospital to undergo an operation, is making good progress and expects to be out this week.

Straits papers understand that Mr. W. L. Blythe, M.C.S., will shortly relieve Mr. J. S. W. Reid M.C.S. as Private Secretary to Sir George Maxwell.

The death has been reported from New York of Mrs. Eleanor Franklin Egan, wife of Mr. Martin Egan, who was at one time a prominent resident of Manila.

The wedding took place at St. George's Church, Penang, of Mr. William Grantham, engineer, Parit Buntar, to Miss Muriel Eggle Deller, of St. Ives, Hants, England.

Mr. Donald Paterson, assistant general manager, Singapore Harbour Board, formerly Resident Engineer Johor Causeway, has arrived in Singapore from Home to take up the duties of his appointment.

The passengers by the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa," which left London on January 2, include the following:—For Hongkong: Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Mrs. Luard, and the Rev. Bishop of Victoria. For Shanghai: Sir Edward and Lady Rhodes.

Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., F.R.S., of Onslow Square, S.W., and of Victoria Street, S.W., civil engineer, of Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson and Mitchell, who reported on Hongkong Harbour, who died on November 17, aged 63, left estate of the gross value of £94,215, with net personally £91,409. He left £100 each to the Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Pension Fund of the Royal Society, Burlington House.

A passenger travelling through the a.s.s. "Kulgan" was Police-Sgt. B. B. Boddy, who was recently decorated at Shanghai with the S.M.P. Distinguished Service Medal (1st Class) for gallantry in capturing a dangerous robber when almost fatally wounded. Before his departure he was presented with a suit-case by his colleagues at the Central Police station, on the occasion of his departure on a six months' sick leave. Chief Inspector Young, in making the presentation, referred in glowing terms to Sgt. Boddy's heroic exploit. Sergeant Boddy is the first holder of the Police D.C.M. (1st Class).

Sir George Stevenson, K.C.B., passed through Sandakan in s.s. "Arafur" on January 7 and lunched with His Excellency the Governor. He had held various important positions in Ireland, retiring from Government Service in 1921.

Miss W. N. Riley and Mrs. Maddick have arrived at Sandakan on the "Hinsang" after an extremely adventurous and stormy voyage from Hongkong, which necessitated a diversion to Saigon to replenish bunkers.

A very pretty wedding took place on December 22, in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Sandakan, between Mr. Basilio Evangelista, of the Forestry Department, and Miss Mary Margaret Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson of Sandakan.

Monseigneur Ruyssac, Bishop of Swatow, arrived at Singapore by the "Paul Lecat" from Hongkong, on his way to France. In order to enable him to thank personally the Chinese towkays of Singapore for their generous contributions to his school at Swatow he broke his passage at Singapore, arranging to stay a fortnight with Father Quillan at the Procure in River Valley Road.

Colonel Spencer had a farewell dinner at the Europe Hotel, Singapore, given by the Volunteers. Major Paterson, who presided, paid tribute to Colonel Spencer's tireless energy in connection with the Volunteer movement. Colonel Spencer, in reply, was reminiscent regarding the re-formation of S.S.V.F. and urged the necessity of all Volunteers doing their job. Both speakers welcomed the new Commandant, Major Postlethwaite, who was present.

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A Manila telegram to the "Daily Bulletin" states that Miss Margaret Read, daughter of Major-General George W. Read, formerly General Officer Commanding in the Philippines, died of injuries sustained in a motor-car accident at Baguio. Major-General Read and his wife are en route to America on board the transport "Thomas."

Mr. C. E. A. Maartensz, Office Assistant to the Principal Medical Officer, F.M.S. will go on three months' furlough in March preparatory to retirement on reaching the age limit. Mr. Maartensz has served the F.M.S. Government for over 30 years in various capacities in the Railway, the Sanitary Board, the P.W.D. and the Auditor-General's Office.

The news of Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter's death, which occurred so tragically at Los Angeles, was received with grief by her many admirers in England. Her books, breathing the charm and freshness of wild life in the woods and swamps of the Limberlost region of Indians, have delighted countless readers. Over 2,000,000 copies have been sold in England, the most popular of those published here by Mr. Murray being "Freckles," "Laddie" and "Michael o' Holloran." For the past three years, Mrs. Stratton-Porter had been engaged at her winter home in California, in producing film versions of some of her novels. Their release over England is awaited with great interest.

Sir Herbert Henry Raphael, Bart., of Hodges Vale, Folkestone, Liberal M.P. for South Derbyshire, 1906-18, formerly a member of the Essex County Council and the L.C.C., founder of the Romford Garden Suburb and donor of the Romford Public Park, left undivided property probably valued at £142,500 gross, with net personally £100,514, "so far as can at present be ascertained." The will, containing about 200 words written on a sheet of notepaper, leaves all his property to his wife absolutely. Sir Herbert enlisted in the "Sportsmen's Battalion" as a private in the early days of the war, and afterwards acted as A.P.M. at Folkestone.

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## LOCAL SPORT.

## YACHTING.

## LAST INTERPORT FIXTURE ABANDONED.

"Declared abandoned" was the verdict of a race yesterday between two "Byrne" yachts brought down by the Shanghai interport yachtsmen, two of the One Design class and one of the Heyward Heyes' class.

Banshee (sailed by Mr. E. T. Byrne, Shanghai Commodore) and Writh were opposed to Ailsa and Bonito (One Design) and Ursula (Heyward Heyes).

Putting out in a force 4 wind, Writh drifted down on Banshee and tore her mainsail before she could be fended off.

Ursula, led going out to Channel Rocks. Banshee made up considerable leeway as did Ailsa, but Bonito had trouble with a slit jib and fell behind. Out to Kowloon Rock Banshee passed Ailsa and on the run to the Club line, sailed into first place 42 seconds ahead of Ursula. There was still another leg to Channel Rocks and back, but Banshee was taking in some water, and at the Club she gave up Ursula carried on, but Ailsa also gave up on seeing the Shanghai boat go out. Bonito also finished the course.

On yesterday's showing it was apparent that the flat-bottomed Byrne yachts are not sea-boats as they are too frail. Banshee ripped along when her sheets were eased off but failed to show to advantage to windward. The race provided an opportunity for Hongkong yachtsmen to see what they will sail in when they go to Shanghai.

## YACHTING DINNER.

## FINE SPORTING FEELING.

Captain T. Arthur, Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, presided last night over a gathering of local yachtsmen, assembled to do honour to the Shanghai interport team.

After an excellent dinner and the loyal toast, the chairman proposed the health of "The Shanghai Club and the Visitors" and thanked them for coming down to take part in three races.

It showed there was the right spirit among the Shanghai men, said Captain Arthur, to have come down and sailed such sporting races. Commodore Byrne had brought down two of his boats and they were all sorry that it had not been possible to give them a good race. However, the boats had been but one had pulled off part of a race and he thought the designer's opinion of them was justified. When he got half way round the mainsail began to give out and he thought it best to give up the race.

Continuing, the chairman said Hongkong hoped next year to go up and sail them in their own waters. He thought Shanghai would turn the tables on them. A member of the Hongkong Club who had returned from Shanghai had remarked that anyone who went there to sail was an enthusiast. He had heard things of the water there and only hoped the Shanghai men had enjoyed the blue water they had had in Hongkong.

Relying on behalf of Shanghai, Mr. E. T. Byrne (Commodore), said "that Shanghai were beginning to realize that they were fresh water sailors and not salt water sailors. "We sail as much as possible above the water. You fellows seem to like to wallow in it." (Laughter). Sailing in Hongkong boats had given him rheumatism and gout. "Of course," Mr. Byrne remarked, "on paper you may think we have lost, badly but we don't think so. In some cases we lost by seconds. However, our papers will take it up when we get back to Shanghai" (Laughter). "I need hardly say you have given us a very good time. The racing has been good but my back is sore from that small boat." (Laughter). "I like a boat with a bar in it, but I couldn't even find a cigarette." (Laughter).

They had really enjoyed the visit, continued the speaker, and they had met a good lot of good sports; he hoped when Hongkong went to Shanghai they would go in May or June for then the winds were most difficult and the tides extra intricate and they could then show Hongkong what they could do in their little harbour. He did not think it could be said they sailed badly. "None of us hit a buoy and taking it all round, we have done fairly well. We haven't hit the mark boat or run into a ship, although I certainly went over a rock yesterday" (Laughter). But the rock was not charted, and the owner of the boat was telling me to go on" (Laughter). Commodore Byrne proposed the toast of the Royal Hongkong Y.C.

Mr. Anderson, of the Shanghai team, thanked Hongkong for the

hospitality that had been shown and the wonderful sport that had been provided. Shanghai had been beaten handsomely and beaten on their merits. They should have done better after the first race, but in both the other races Hongkong had scored more points each time. A better course could not have been given them. The Hongkong boats were like good horses. For the horse no fence was too high and no day too long; they were quiet in single or double harness and would take a lady. (Laughter). For these boats no wave was too high, no race too long. About the single or double harness he would say nothing for he believed the married men were exemplary and he hoped the single men would carry off the ladies of their desires. (Applause).

After Commodore Byrne had handed over the Shanghai flag to Commodore Arthur, the latter presented to the Hongkong helmsmen mementoes of the occasion in the form of cups, and the Shanghai helmsmen with silver cigarette cases. He also presented to Mr. Neill, of Shanghai, the cup he won in the consolation race on Tuesday.

Other happy speeches were given and some members added to the joyousness of the occasion with recitations and songs. The health of the visiting yachtsmen and their club was then drunk with musical honours.

## GOLF.

## FINAL FOR GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

As previously intimated in the "China Mail," the final for the Governor's Shield has been fixed for next Sunday, when His Excellency has consented to attend to present the trophy.

The finalists are Messrs. A. B. Stewart and W. Galloway (Jardine, Matheson & Co.) and Professor Middleton Smith and Dr. J. L. Shellshear (University).

It is noteworthy that three of the players participated in the final of the same event last year, Professor Middleton Smith then being partnered by Professor F. A. Redmond, whose place this year, owing to his being on leave, has been taken by Dr. J. L. Shellshear.

**Junior Championship.** The qualifying round for the Junior Championship will be played at Fanling on February 8, players arranging their own partners, who need not necessarily be competitors. Thirty-two will qualify for match play.

It had been arranged for subsequent rounds to take place on the following Sundays, two on each day, but owing to the fact that during the afternoon four balls are always played, it has been found necessary to rearrange the date.

The competition proper will now take place over five consecutive weeks—February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8 and March 15.

## FOOTBALL.

## SHANGHAI TEAM'S SECOND DEFEAT.

**CHINESE TOO STRONG.** Shanghai had to again admit defeat yesterday afternoon when the Chinese accounted for them by the odd goal in five. Shanghai played their two reserves Moosa and Evans, and Stewart, of Hongkong, played in place of Phillips, the Shanghai skipper, who had been ordered by the doctor not to play again for a time. The teams lined up as follows:

South China—Hui Shing-ju; Lei Yuk-tat, Chan So, Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying, Pang Kam-wing, Suen Kam-sun, Wong Pak-chong, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ju.

Shanghai—Remedios—Ewing, Turner, Tordy Stewart, Gowan, Collaco, Evans, Goldman, Coulcher, and Moosa.

Referee—Mr. Spencer R. N. Linesmen—Messrs. F. Smith and Smith, R.A.

Turner captained Shanghai and lost the toss to Wong Pak-chong who elected to defend the town end. Shanghai were the first to become dangerous, but Moosa sent out, play being transferred. Gowan conceded a corner from a pretty centre by Chan Kwong-ju. Turner cleared from the free kick and Coulcher and Goldman worked their way down the field. Li Wai-tong intercepted the resulting shot at goal. Gowan was penalised for pushing and Leung sent well in. Turner, however, made a nice clearance. Moosa was applauded for a nice shot after a fine run down the left wing. Collaco also had a try, but Goldman was outside his centre; and from the free kick, Wong, at the other end, was also out of play—two good chances gone. Moosa got

away and when well down sent over to Coulcher, who dalled and was robbed by Li Yuk-tat. Chan So kicked behind when pressed by Evans, but nothing came of the free kick. A few minutes later Coulcher sent in a "daisy cutter" that the Chinese custodian picked up cleanly and cleared although worried by the Shanghai forwards. Half-time—no score.

**Second Half.**

Shanghai were again prominent from the restart, but Goldman sent wide of the mark, and the Chinese took up the attack, and good work on the left wing saw Wong shoot tamely at Remedios, who cleared to Suen. The latter player returned hard and although the goalkeeper saved the ball seemed to slip out of his hands and the referee signalled a goal. Shanghai players protested but after consulting his linesmen the referee adhered to his decision amidst applause from the Chinese spectators.

Play now livened up, but a few free kicks for fouling eased matters for a time. Goldman was presented with a fine chance to score, but failed to find the net. The ground was now getting slippery and several good chances were spoiled by players being unable to keep their feet. Li Wai-tong was responsible for the Chinese second goal for, going down with the ball, he drew the defence and then tapped the ball to Suen who, having only Remedios to beat, netted with a hard drive.

Being two goals down, the visitors attacked in earnest and from a free kick for fouling, Turner tested Hui, who managed to get the ball away, although pressed. He was, however, beaten soon after by Coulcher, who sent in a fast ground shot, which had beaten all the way.

Encouraged by this, Shanghai returned to the attack but could not find the net, and eventually Li Yuk-tong cleared and Li Wai-tong, receiving, went through on his own and finished up by beating Remedios with a hard drive—a nice piece of work, and good finish.

Shanghai's second goal came from a penalty. Coulcher going down was badly brought down by Li Yuk-tat. Shanghai's acting skipper took the spot kick, and although Hui got to the ball he could not save.

Shanghai now tried hard to get the equaliser and the Chinese defence with Chan So off had an anxious few minutes. Evans tested Hui to a nice shot just as the final whistle went.

Result—

Chinese.....3 goals.

Shanghai.....2 goals.

**Comment.**

Shanghai played a much better game than they did on Monday. Possibly the state of the ground was more to their liking. The forwards had a better understanding, although I am inclined to think that both Evans and Coulcher were a little too selfish. In the defence Gowan played a wonderful game at left half and was quite as tricky with the ball as some of the opposing forwards. Both backs were good, Turner especially showing to advantage.

All the Chinese played well. Wong Pak-chong was a passenger for the last twenty minutes and went to outside right whilst Chan So had to leave the field owing to injuries fifteen minutes before time. Li Wai-tong was their outstanding forward, whilst the half back line were all good. Chan So who was obviously unfit from the start, should never have been allowed to turn out, more especially as Chang Wai-shing, the player chosen in the first place, was available to play. The Chinese team were, however, value for their win.

**ODD IMPRESSIONS**

[By "OCULEUS."]

"Football is a winter game, and is played in rain, mud, slush, and mire. Therefore footballers should be prepared to play in all sorts of weather—or else retire from the sport."

As a consequence of the incessant drizzle yesterday and the slippery nature of the ground, there was a tendency to modify criticism and to spill expeditives over the hapless Clerk of the Weather—or his deputy in his absence.

Some good folk would like to play or see football played on a billiard table or a bowling green. So, leave out of account all talk of the weather ye players and spectators in commenting on football—what "might have been" if the afternoon had been fine and the field dry! On a wet day there are more "ifs" in a footballer's vocabulary than in that of the most assiduous Bridge fiend after he loses a rubber.

In time the writer will come to the match between South China and Shanghai.

It was a pity that the visitors had

to fall back on their reserves and even then to enlist the services of J. Stewart, of the Hongkong F. C.

As they lost there may be a tendency to declare that victory would have been theirs with a full team.

But the substitutes were by no

means the worst players on the Shanghai side. That must be said in fairness to the "ubs."

The Chinese skipper won the toss, and that was regarded as a happy augury.

On Monday, so yesterday, The Shanghai team played with confidence at the beginning. In fact, some of their defenders seemed to think it was only a question of toying with the Chinese halves and forwards. At times they seemed to be right. It reminded one of the attitude of "dignity" towards "impudence" in the famous picture of the massive dog and the tiny pup. But they were made to realise in time that they could not dilly-dally and save their goal at the same time. So the toying business had to be discarded. Even then, however, it always appeared that the Shanghai players had a card or two up their sleeve and that they were confident of their own ability to make a dramatic stroke at any given moment.

The Chinese played the game common to the Chinese elsewhere. They relied on speedy rushes along the wings. They depended on their backs getting them out of all sorts of difficulties. And they imagined that it was "good football" to turn and twist with the ball as often as possible instead of shooting straight for goal. They had at some moments a perfect mania for trying to make "triangles"—they would work the ball well "down to the corner flag, transfer the ball nearly to midfield, and send it once more to the corner flag—and so on and so on." It may have appeared pretty to behold—but it was not football. It was merely wasting precious minutes, and possibly golden opportunities for scoring goals.

A surprising feature of the game, considering the heavy ground, was the large number of off-sides. Ten free kicks for off-side is a large enough number in all conscience on a dry day; yet that was the total awarded yesterday afternoon.

Five times in the first half and thrice in the second portion were the visiting forwards pulled up for off-side. With referees of the calibre of any of the three gentlemen who are officiating this week to lie off-side wilfully and "with malice aforethought" is a sheer waste of effort. There may be a place for a "sneak goal" in some games, and with certain referees, but that place is not an interport match.

There was no doubt about the first goal awarded the Chinese—at least from the position of the writer. But the referee lost nothing in prestige by consulting the linesmen.

There was certainly no doubt about the second and third goals scored by the Chinese—both brilliant indeed—and of the first goal, noted by Shanghai, there was equally no doubt. Moreover, it was welcomed inasmuch as it tended to liven up the play considerably.

The Shanghai team were a trifle lucky to play against only ten men—or nine and one "crook" one—in the last few minutes. Could the game have been prolonged they must have won, judging by the way they were shaping.

As a matter of academic interest an analysis of the game is appended, from which readers can draw their own conclusions as to the merits of the respective teams:

**FIRST HALF.**

S. China Shanghai. Goal kicks.....10.....9. Throws in.....17.....13. Free kicks.....9.....2. Corner kicks.....3.....3. Goals.....0.....0.

**SECOND HALF.**

S. China Shanghai. Goal kicks.....10.....5. Throws in.....17.....13. Free kicks.....3.....9. Corner kicks.....2.....0. Goals.....3.....2.

**Second Division.**

H.F.C. TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club Reserves in the Second Division League fixture with the Surreys on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. sharp on Saturday:

D. Purves, D. Lyon (Captain), H. Buxton, E. Railton, S. O. Hill, G. Puncannon, B. Bell, T. Roberts, A. Ferguson, J. Douglas, and J. Dixon.

Reserve—F. Angus.

Football is a winter game, and

is played in rain, mud, slush, and mire. Therefore footballers should be prepared to play in all sorts of weather—or else retire from the sport."

As a consequence of the incessant drizzle yesterday and the slippery nature of the ground, there was a tendency to modify criticism and to spill expeditives over the hapless Clerk of the Weather—or his deputy in his absence.

Some good folk would like to play or see football played on a billiard table or a bowling green. So, leave out of account all talk of the weather ye players and spectators in commenting on football—what "might have been" if the afternoon had been fine and the field dry! On a wet day there are more "ifs" in a footballer's vocabulary than in that of the most assiduous Bridge fiend after he loses a rubber.

In time the writer will come to the match between South China and Shanghai.

It was a pity that the visitors had

to fall back on their reserves and even then to enlist the services of J. Stewart, of the Hongkong F. C.

As they lost there may be a tendency to declare that victory would have been theirs with a full team.

But the substitutes were by no

## WHY WRANGLE?

## SCRAP-IRON FLEET FOR THE SOVIET.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, January 28.

The question of the Wrangle fleet, which is to be handed over by France to the Soviet, is arousing interest in France and elsewhere. It is believed that the matter was mentioned by M. Bratiano, Roumanian Finance Minister, in a speech to the Central Executive Committee of the Soviets on January 29. The Central Executive Committee has decreed an amendment to the electoral law invalidating elections to the Soviets unless 30 per cent of the electorate vote; also where voters complain of unlawful action by election committees.

## THE SOVIET WAY.

## NEW IDEAS IN ELECTORAL LAW.

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## FOR JAPAN.

## MARSHAL CHI HSIEH YUAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, January 28.

Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan, accompanied by his family, sailed this morning on board the "Nikko Maru." They are bound for Japan.

## NEW G.O.C.



The Duke of Toledo, grandee and member of one of the proudest houses of old Spain, is engineer of the train by which the King of Spain usually travels. He is shown here in the greasy, overalls in which he guides the train.



M. Camille Flammarion, noted French astronomer and scientist, in his recently published book, "What Do We Know About the Hidden World," tells what, in his opinion, has been scientifically proved as to the existence of the soul after death. The soul, he asserts, exists entirely independent of the body, and is endowed with faculties not yet revealed.



While Norman Solby, famous Kid McCoy of old prize ring days, passed long hours in jail, awaiting trial for the murder of Mrs. Teresa Mors, his sweetheart, he boxed much with the other prisoners. One of his opponents, held on the charge of passing bad cheques, had been an amnesia victim for eight months. One of McCoy's blows landed on his chin and the shock brought back his memory.

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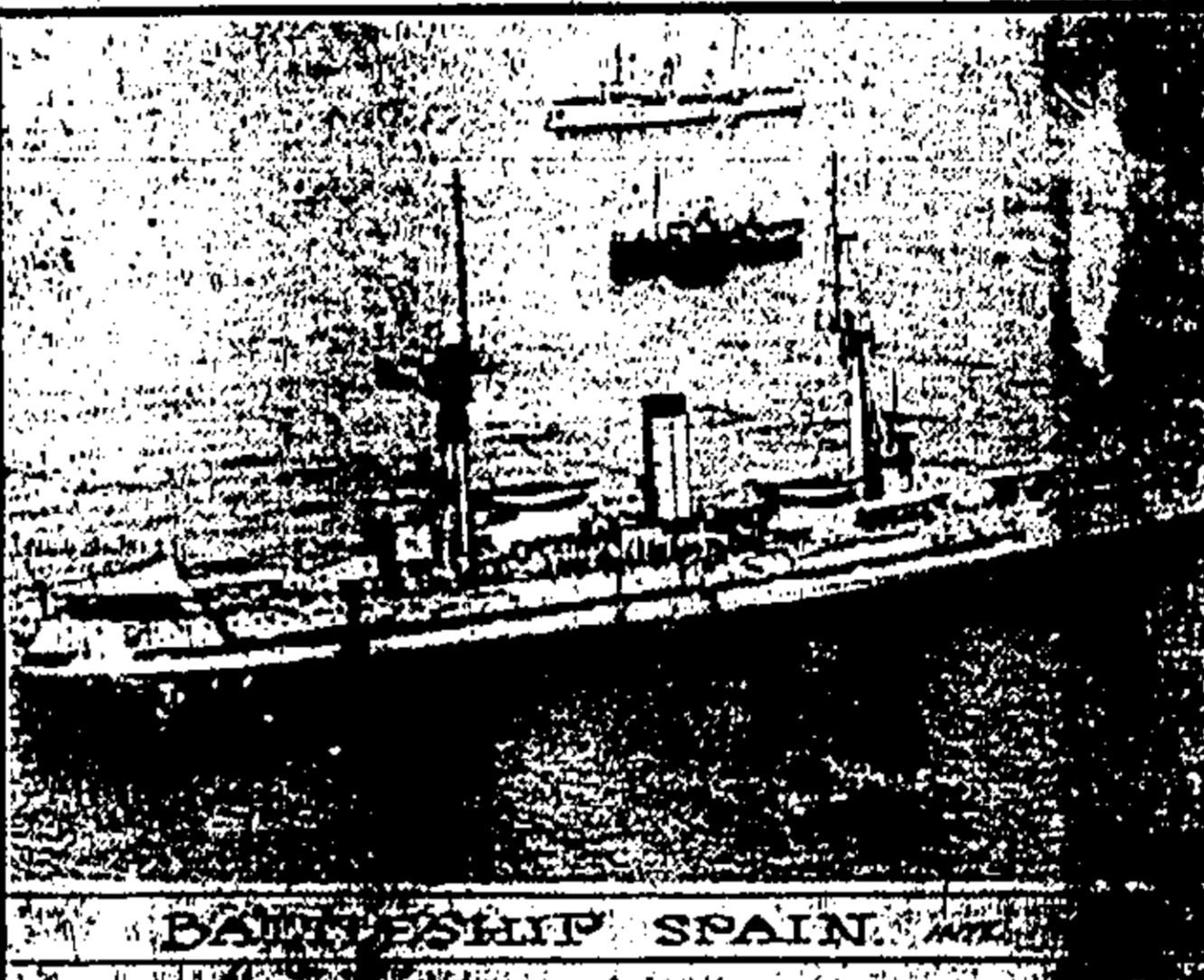
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ELIZABETH F. DIAL.

Elizabeth Patterson Dial, film star, is to become Mrs. Rupert Hughes, according to news from Los Angeles, where the bride-to-be is acting for the camera. The first Mrs. Hughes committed suicide in French Indo-China a year ago, after a lengthy illness.

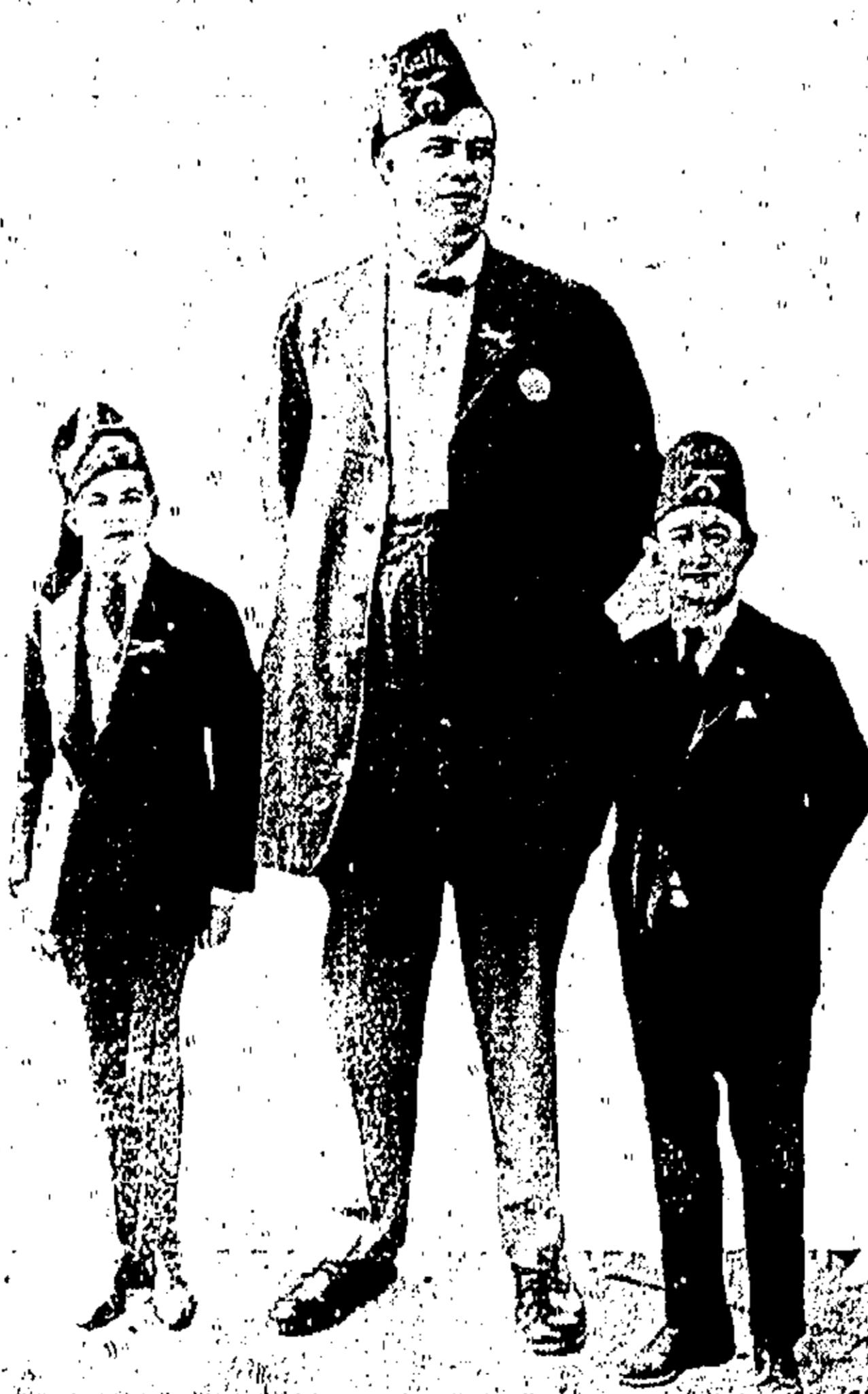
### FINEST SPANISH BATTLESHIP LOST.



The newest and finest Spanish battleship "Spain," operating with the Spanish forces in Morocco, stranded on the coast of North Africa at Cape Tree Forces. Attempts to pull her off were unsuccessful, and she has been abandoned, totally wrecked by a subsequent storm.



Dr. Hiram Bingham, Governor-elect of Connecticut, defeated Hamilton Holt in the special election for United States Senator to succeed the late Frank B. Brandegee. Before his election he was Lieutenant Governor of the State.



J. G. TARVER (CENTRE). MR.

J. G. Tarver, who stands eight feet, five inches and weighs 400 pounds, recently became a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner at the Scottish Rite reunion of Hella Temple, Dallas. Boasting a gentility not excelled by his size, he was awarded the diamond ring given annually to the most popular member of the Shrine class.



MRS. JOHN W. STEEL.

Mrs. John Steel, widely known on the stage before her marriage as Sidonie Espero, has been granted a divorce from the noted tenor. She named three young women of the "Follies." They and Steel indignantly denied the charges.

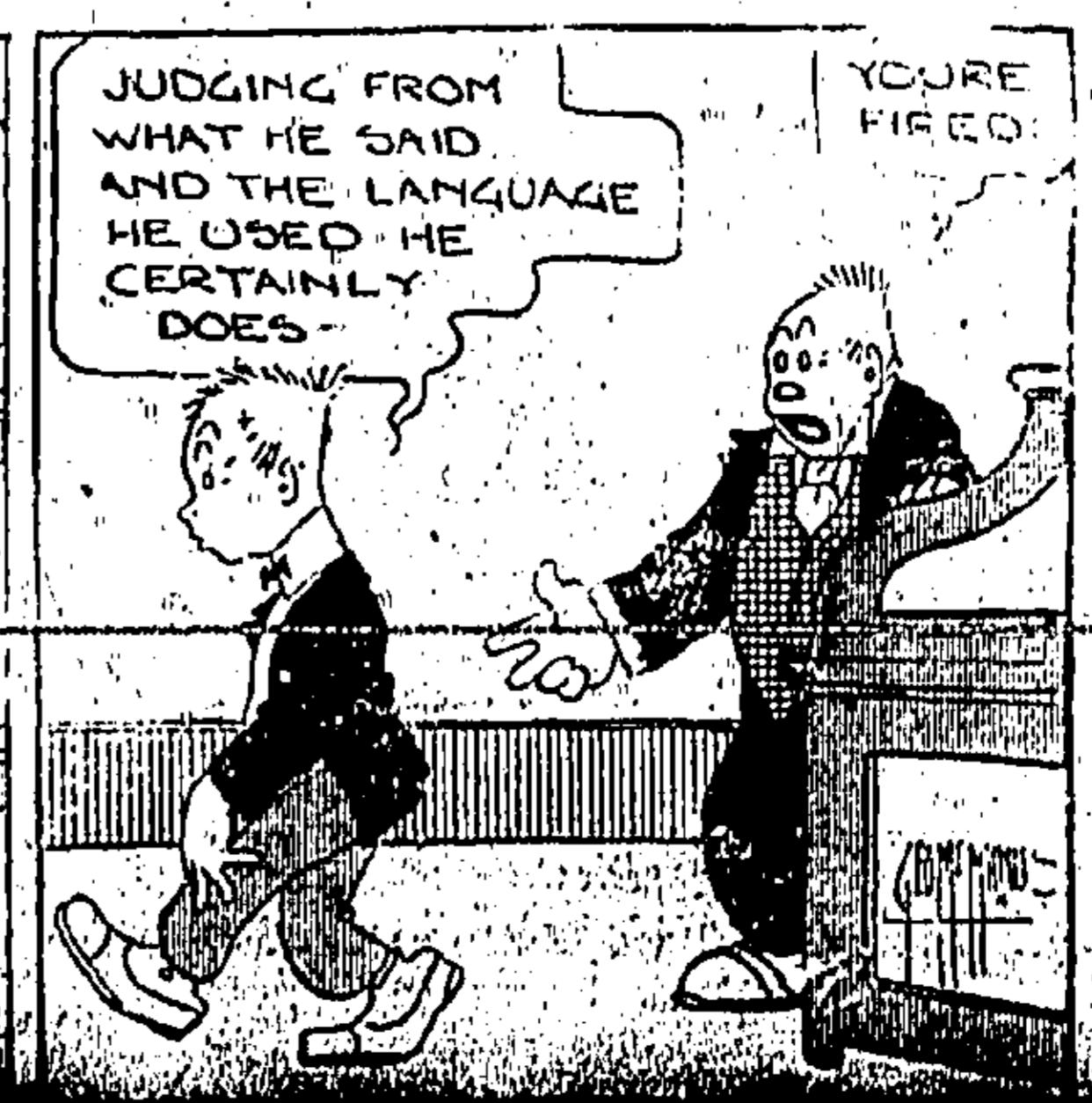
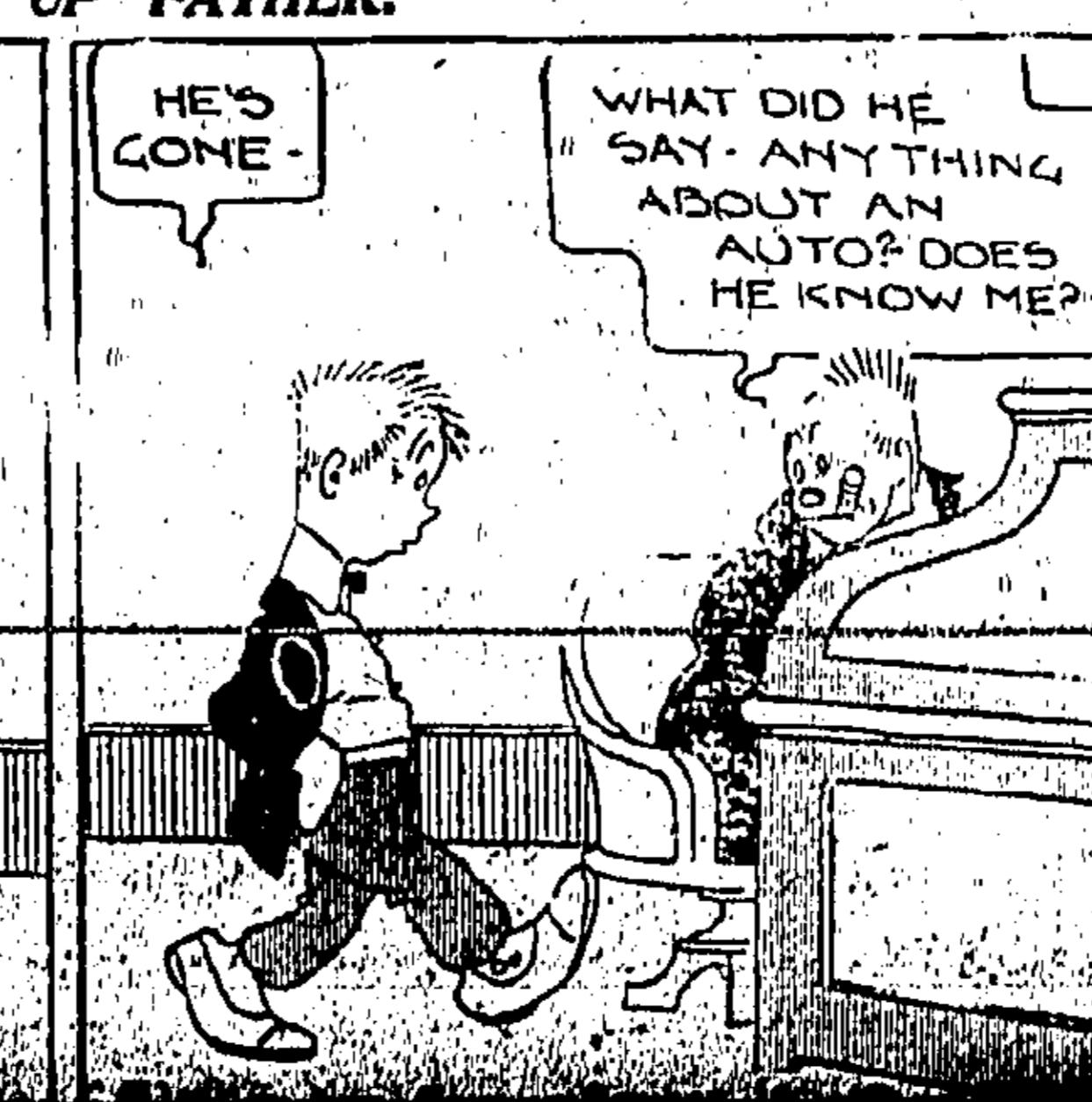
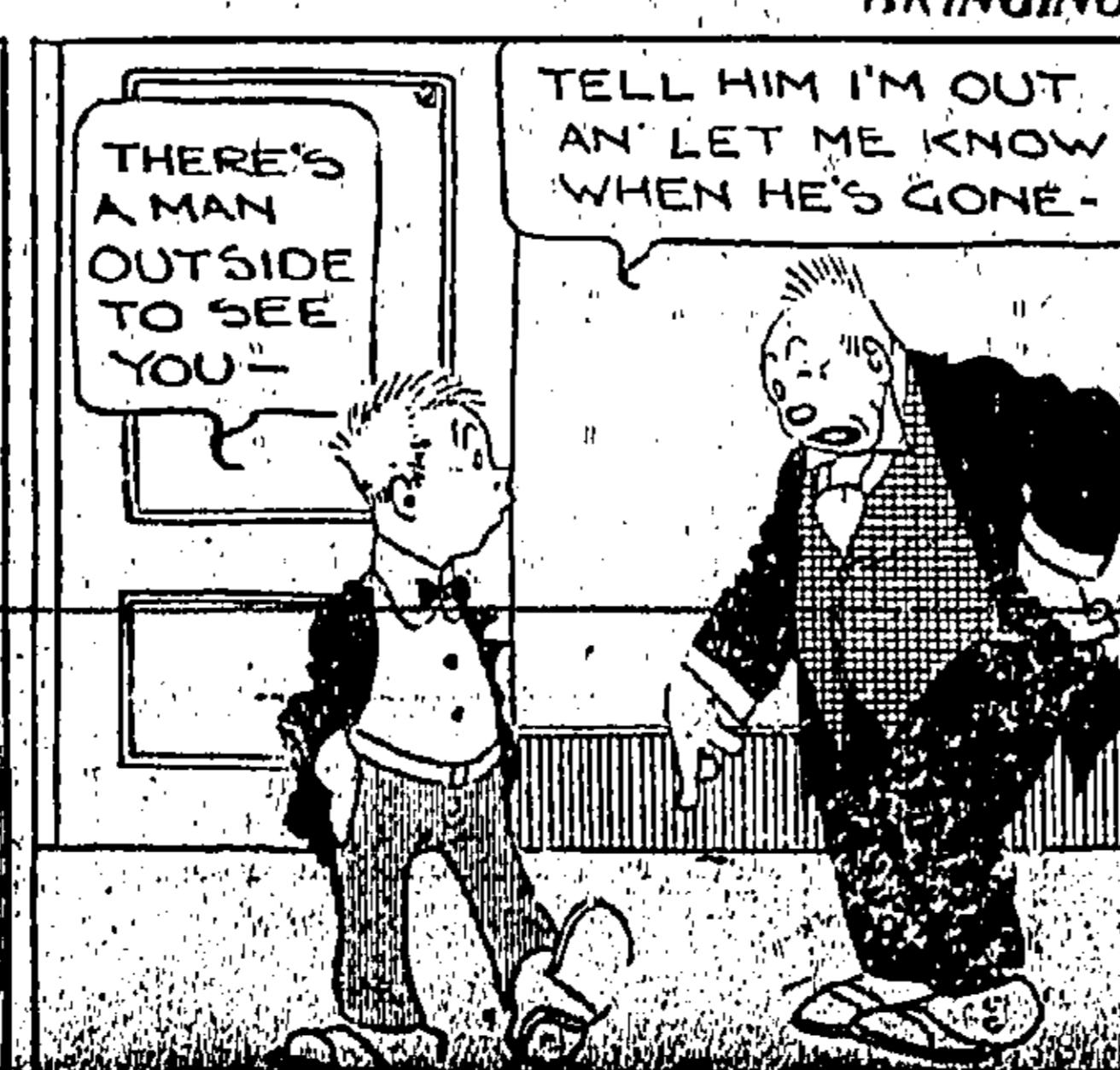


ELEANOR BARNES LEVY. WILLETTE KERSHAW.



A complete denial that he was a victim of a blackmail plot has been told by John McCormack, noted tenor singer. According to a story told by Eleanor Barnes Levy, on trial for alleged blackmail, the tenor was mulct in the sum of £20,000. Miss Willette Kershaw, noted actress, says she is "through" with Americans as husbands. Her next, she is certain, will be a titled foreigner. Senator Thomas Walsh's amendment to the bill, leasing Muscle Shoals—an amendment providing in effect that the Government shall have control over rates charged for surplus power generated at Muscle Shoals—has been adopted by a vote of 41 to 29.

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Dairen, Keelung.

## DEPARTURES.

Paling Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. for  
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from Hongkong.  
Yatshing, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for  
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## WEATHER REPORT.

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has increased moderately from  
Wladivostok to central and N.E.  
Japan, and decreased moderately from  
Shanghai to N. Formosa.  
Changes are small elsewhere.

The anticyclone over China has  
merged into a large anticyclone  
central over S.E. Mongolia.

There is still an area of low  
pressure South of latitude 22° or  
23°, with minimum over Indo-  
China.

Light variable winds may be  
expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24  
hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day,  
0.87 inch. Total since January 1st,  
3.30 inches, against an average of  
1.28 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending  
at noon on January 30, 1925.

1.—Formosa Channel,  
N.E. winds, moderate; overcast,  
rain.

2.—South coast of China  
between Hongkong and Lamock,  
N.E. winds, moderate; overcast,  
rain.

3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock,  
N.E. winds, moderate; overcast,  
rain.

4.—South coast of China  
between Hongkong and Hainan,  
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